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AUSTIN MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal grand jury in Austin, Texas, handed up a five-count indictment against 47-year-old Steven Keith Hawkins for possessing child pornography and transporting child pornography over the Internet. If convicted of all charges, Hawkins faces up to 90 years in federal prison and a maximum \$1,250,000 fine.

The indictment alleges that Hawkins, using the screen names "shaw632002@yahoo.com" and "gloria200345@yahoo.com," transported and shipped several images of child pornography over the Internet, both via instant messaging services and by creating links to websites containing child pornography. On June 14, 2005, a federal search warrant was executed at Hawkins' residence in Austin, Texas, which revealed numerous graphic videos and photos of child pornography contained on his personal computer, some of which involved bondage and the sexual abuse of very young children.

This case is being investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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